persons at the time of regularisation of quarters to their wards;

(b) whether demand letters for overstaying in the quarters were sent to these persons alongwith allotment letters;

(c) what is the number of persons out of the said 15 persons to whom demand letters were sent despite non-payment of overstaying charges and these charges were recovered in instalment; and

(d) what are the reasons for such discrimination?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Rs. 20,603.50 (Rs. Twenty thousand Six hundred three and paise fifty only) was recovered from 13 persons.

(b) Demand letters in 14 cases were sent before the issue of allotment/regularisation letters. However, in one case demand letter was sent along with the regularisation letter.

(c) One.

(d) As per existing allotment rules allotment of alternative accommodation or regularisation of the same quarter can be made in the names of wards of retired/deceased Govt. servants only after the dues/damages for the period of overstay are cleared. However, in deserving cases the dues can be recovered in instalments with the concurrence of the Finance Division. Under this rule, only in one out of 15 cases, the outstanding dues were ordered to be recovered in instalments after the date of regularisation.

Unauthorised construction in Vasant Vihar

1850. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of unauthorised/illegal Kiosks/Dhabas/Taxi stands in Delhi/New Delhi at present;

(b) the number of such shops, kiosks and dhabas in Vasant Vihar, New Delhi, at present;

(c) whether any responsibility has been fixed in the matter;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) what steps are being taken to remove such illegal/unauthorised shops, kiosks and dhabas in Vasant Vihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The NDMC has reported that there are only 51 unauthorised dhabas in their area, but no unauthorised kiosks and taxi stands. MCD in whose jurisdiction Vasant Vihar falls has reported that no such survey has been carried out.

(c) to (e) NDMC has reported that action against the owners of unauthorised dhabas have been taken under Section 155/129 of the Punjab Municipal Act. Sanitary inspectors of respective areas are required to take action against illegal unauthorised dhabas under section 7/23/16 of Food Adulteration Act. MCD has reported that such action is taken under section 322 of the D.M.C. Act as and when such illegal constructions are noticed.

Representaton to Muslims in the staff of Ministry of Agriculture

1851. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the strength of staff in the Ministry of Agriculture;

(b) what is the number and percentage of Muslims therein, rank-wise;

(c) whether any scheme has been prepared by Government for their welfare; and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what steps are being taken to give due representation to Muslims in the Ministry of Agriculture?